

## Earl Larsen, 89

Earl Larsen, 89, Groton, died Monday, June 11, 2001 at Beverly Healthcare Center, Groton.

His funeral was Friday, June 15 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Groton, with the Rev. Craig Grams officiating. Burial was in Union Cemetery, Groton, with Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton, in charge of arrangements.

Earl Larsen was born July 1, 1911 to Hans and Carrie (Larsen) Larsen, Ida Grove, Iowa. He attended country school in Harthy, Iowa. In 1935 he moved to Pierpont, where he worked until 1940. He returned to the family farm in Iowa and worked for six years, before moving back to Groton.

He married Hilda Lenling, December 21, 1954 in Webster. They made their home in Groton, while Earl worked on the Arden Rix and Lawrence Rohwer farms for 22 years, retiring in 1970. Together, they raised large gardens and donated produce to friends, family and The Salvation Army in Aberdeen. Hilda died June 1, 1998.

Earl was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Groton.

He is survived by two sisters, Irene Sheeder, Boise, Idaho, and Lillian Mitchell, Bell Flower, Calif.; one brother, Elmer Larsen, Sioux City, Iowa, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, parents and nine brothers and sisters.

Casketbearers were David Dohman, Les Dohman, Mike McNamara and Ken Price.

Memorials may be sent to St. John's Lutheran Church, 308 N. 2nd St. Groton, SD 57445.

